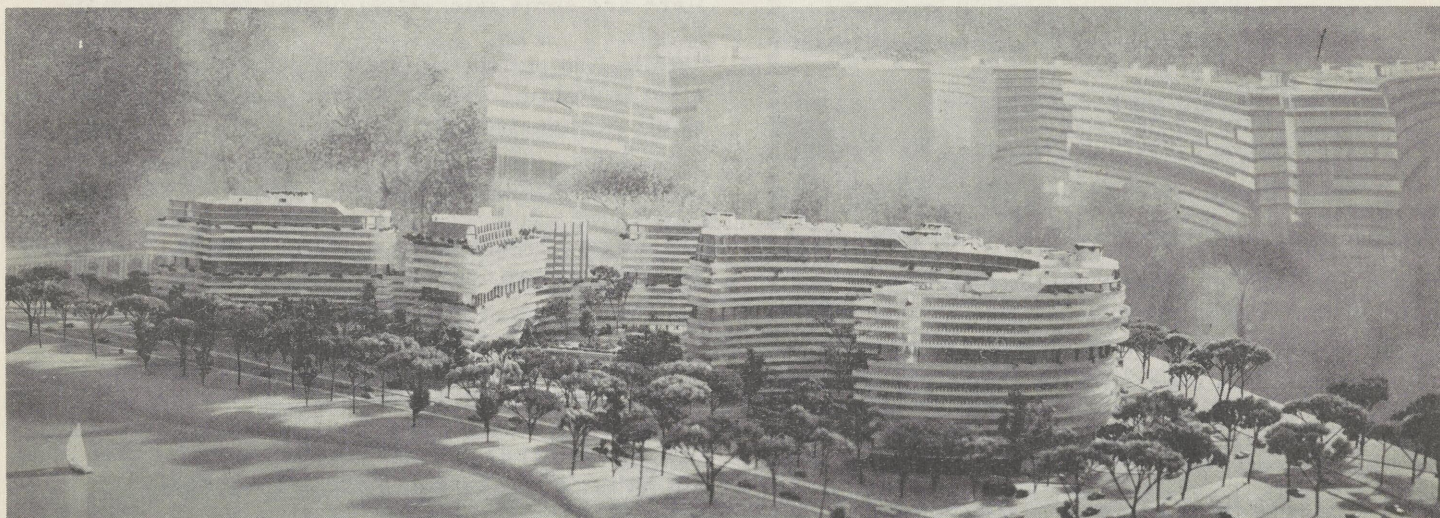


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NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 8:00 P.M.

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DISTRICT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Alex E. Wiskup, Chairman

Bob Green is coming down from New York to argue
 the Channel House Restaurant liquor license case --
 to be heard before the District Court February 14th.

Meanwhile, the parking problem caused by the res-
 taurant is getting worse as more public space is be-
 ing torn up. Cars were being run over the sidewalk
 by attendants from the restaurant and parked ille-
 gally on lots for which there's no zoning permission.
 After vigorous protests by the neighbors, Precinct
 No. 3 has stopped this practice. Captain Pyles has
 been asked to look into other apparently illegal car
 parking.

The digging at Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues
 -- excepting the southwest corner -- is the tunnel
 for the inner loop. The National Capital Planning
 Commission projects a building -- over the north
 entrance of the tunnel -- to be constructed in the air
 rights over the inner loop, supported by pillars. It
 will be a high rise structure of some sort to create
 a 'corridor effect' for New Hampshire Avenue. The
 building will extend approximately over the area now
 occupied by torn-up H Street from 25th to Virginia
 Avenue. There will be a walkway around the build-
 ing so pedestrians can go from 25th Street around
 and down Virginia Avenue toward the river.

Plans also call for widening Virginia Avenue to six
 lanes plus a five-foot median strip. The underpass
 at 23rd Street would remain four lanes wide.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rufus Lisle, Chairman

Your Foggy Bottom Association active, paid mem-
 bership roll continues to grow. We now have close
 to 300 paid-up members!!! Let's see if we can't
 make it 400 -----

Here are some interesting quotes from our mail:

"While I do not live in Foggy Bottom I own an apart-
 ment in Potomac Plaza Center and am interested in
 affairs connected with the area."

"...I thoroughly enjoyed the concert this evening."

"I thought I had paid. I don't want to be counted out
 so here are my dues."

"I can't always attend the meetings but do know of
 the valuable contributions to improved community
 living made by the Association."

"Is my face red! Thanks for the reminder that I had
 not paid. I just forgot, here are my dues."

And this fine letter from a new member.....

"I have lived in Foggy Bottom since September 1962.
 It has proved to be a very desirable location for me
 in both business and social terms and I have watched
 with interest the continuing development and the im-
 provement of the area even during the short term of
 my residency.

"I have read with interest some of the recent issues
 of your NEWS -- which incidentally I think is very
 well done, especially where your budget is probably
 quite modest. I would like to make my small con-
 tribution to forwarding the work of the Association
 and the publication of the NEWS. Would you, there-
 fore, consider this an application for membership?
 My check is enclosed.

"I am a writer by profession.....If I can be of any
 service to you, please let me know. Community af-
 fairs have always held my interest. Before coming
 to Washington in 1960, I served, among other civic
 duties, as Municipal Arts Commissioner for the City
 of Los Angeles."

We thank the writers of these comments.

ARE YOU A MEMBER? Everybody is welcome to
 join the FBA.

Foggy Bottom Association Dues are only \$2.50 (per
 household) for owners and \$1.50 (per household) for
 renters. The current year ends June 30, 1964.

YOU LIVE IN MEXICO!

by Mary K. Manzoli

Next time you write home, tell the folks you live in Mexico -- the name of our neighborhood long before it became Foggy Bottom. Robert Peter, who came to Georgetown in 1752, prospered as a merchant and invested in much land here. His lands east of Rock Creek, bordered on the south and east by the River and the Hamburg settlement; and reaching north to about the present O Street were called Mexico. The Peter plantation thus encompassed all Foggy Bottom plus considerable stretches north of Pennsylvania Avenue. One can only conjecture why Mr. Peter called his lands Mexico, a name that must have been highly exotic in 1752. Perhaps the doughty Scottish merchant had made a killing with free-booting that involved Spanish crown galleons headed for Mexico. Rich Mexican trade was a favorite prey of American merchant ships such as those plying the ocean from the Georgetown port in those days.

The original Peter house on the plantation Mexico was in the middle of the block bounded by Eye and K Streets, and by 26th and 27th Streets. Later in the 18th Century the Peter family built the houses in the 2600 block of K Street which, as we mentioned in an earlier article in the NEWS, were among the most distinguished in early Washington.

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 * FROM GUN HILL *
 * 21-22 BROTHERS KARAMAZOV plus THE JOURNEY *
 * 23-24 WINE AND ROSES plus BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S *
 * 25 HATARI plus THE SHEEPMAN *

Robert Peter, as well as other Washington proprietors, were persuaded by George Washington to divide their lands into lots for the Federal City. But relatively little of the Peter lands was taken up for prompt development, and most of our part of town remained "commons" land until Civil War days. In or near our neighborhood, nonetheless, were some notable structures. Just northwest of Washington Circle Isaac Pollock built a group of houses in 1798 which gave the name of "Round Tops" to the Circle area. Long since demolished, the houses were perfectly square, with the roofs capped with octagonal cupolas. At 2107 Pennsylvania Avenue stood historically important Six Buildings, first location in Washington of the Navy Department. From September 1800 to May 1801 the State Department was also located in one of these houses. Among the famous residents of the Six Buildings were James Madison and Sam Houston.

At 1901 to 1913 Pennsylvania Avenue, until just a few years ago, stood the famous Seven Buildings. Dating from around 1800, these row houses were occupied by many notables, including Martin Van Buren. General McClellan had headquarters there in 1861.

Another fine old residence that vanished just within the recent past was the Lenthall House, located at 612-14 Nineteenth Street, which was built about 1800 by John Lenthall, an architect who worked with Benjamin Latrobe on the construction of the Capitol.

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PAT PATTERS ON

About the traffic mess on 25th Street the day it was closed between Eye and H Streets. Three Department of Highways and Traffic cars added to the confusion by entering the blockaded street, leading the following cars down the primrose path. When these cars reached the "next intersection" there was utter disaster as Officer Quigley patiently tried to explain that although they had conquered the hurdles, blockades, etc. set up in the preceding block, they could not cross onto Virginia Avenue.....

About the Christmas tree still twinkling brightly in the Potomac Plaza window.....

About a citizens' association opposing the site of the Cultural Center on the grounds that we're subject to floods and have no room for expansion.....

About the unique flag raising and lowering system at Riverview Realty Corporation.....

About the free taxi service Ruth Holmes provided on February first for all Potomac Plaza Terraces residents who needed transportation to Francis School so they could register for the elections.....

About the difference in the signs at the presidential hopefuls' campaign headquarters.....


About the official name change voted at the January meeting. Unofficially, we are now officially called The Foggy Bottom Association. Officially, we are unofficially still The Foggy Bottom Restoration Association. (In case you weren't at the meeting, this seemingly conflicting statement is caused by the red tape involved in changing the Association's name on the legal papers already in the courts.) As soon as it is feasible, the Executive Committee will change the name in all official documents...until then, we remain officially -- properly voted on -- unofficially -- pending completion of the litigation in process -- The Foggy Bottom Association.....

About that attractive new facade on the Washington Circle Market. If proprietor Ed Shapiro would now put his attractive wife, Rosalyn, at the front check-out-counter at the window, he'd have an unbeatable combination.....


About the new residents in the Bottom ... the Mark Plaisted at 2401 H Street; and Jack Churchill took the Bob Howards' apartment at 2431 Eye Street.....

About the tans Esther Snyder and Claire Kalinoski are sporting after their trip to Florida -- a first for both of them.....

The Registration and Voting information flyer that will be distributed soon. Watch for it...and Vote!



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FIVE PETS, SEVEN PEOPLE

Four dogs, one cat, and seven people will occupy the three fine town houses that Al Wheeler is completing this month in the northwest corner of Hughes Mews. Two of the new mewsers -- Jerry Hall and John Gaudreault -- moved into their new home, Number 900, in January, though it wasn't yet really finished. Two others -- Jay and Ginny Goldstein -- plan to move in February into Number 902; and the third couple -- Al and Opal Cottrell -- will occupy their new home, Number 904, in March.

Actually, the only new owners to Foggy Bottom are the Cottrells. Formerly residents of Takoma Park, D. C., their new home in Foggy Bottom is the one that stands at the entrance to the mews.

The largest and most spectacular of the new residents is Rannie, a friendly black Afghan Hound who, his owner affirms, has one of the best pedigrees of his breed. John Gaudreault owns the dog, Jerry Hall owns the house that all three live in, the one at the south end that faces the mews.

Jerry and John rented their former home, at 2433 Eye Street, to Miss Carol Anderson, who works at the Housing Center. In fact, they moved into their new home before it was finished because they had guessed wrong on the completion date and had to make good on their agreement to vacate for Carol.

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This will be the fourth house in Foggy Bottom that Jerry has owned and lived in since he arrived in the neighborhood in 1955. When this trail-blazer arrived in this area there were more outhouses than town houses in Foggy Bottom. One of the former stood a few yards away from the site of his present home. Shirley Kennard, then the Art Editor of the FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS, sketched one of the typical Chick Sales of that period for our issue of March 1958. It was equipped with aials for television reception.

Jerry's job is with the National Paint Association; and John works in the Advertising Department of the POST. A Canadian, John won fame in his native country before he took up residence in the United States by winning the figure skating championship of Canada.

Jay and Ginny Goldstein will be moving back into the mews when they occupy Number 902, the house that can be only partly seen from the mews. It commands a fine westerly view. This will be the home of Timmy, the Goldstein ward, when he is home from boarding school. The Goldsteins have three dogs and a cat: Rufus, a Cavin Terrier; George, a German Shepherd; Jubal, a Brittany Spaniel; and Oliver, a Silver Tabby. The Goldsteins are moving from 916 - 25th Street, which they will sell or rent. They formerly lived at 915 Hughes Mews. Both Jay and Ginny are government workers.

Al and Opal Cottrell, who plan to move in March into Number 904, will be leaving the Cottrell family home in Takoma Park, D. C. in which Al grew up. His father, a government worker for 50 years, built the house. He died in 1955 at the age of 86. Our new neighbor, an executive with the telephone company, is President of the Washington Lehigh University Alumni Club. Opal is secretary to a Washington attorney.

The preceding article was written by the founder of the NEWS, Charley Rogers. We are grateful to him and look forward to more of his writings, for future issues of the NEWS.

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ANNIVERSARY by Charley Rogers

We confess to a bit of nostalgia as we were reading the six page Volume 1, Number 1, February 1958 issue of THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS one evening recently. This is the sixth anniversary of our little neighborhood newspaper.

One day in February 1958 we asked Herb Socks, the FBRA president, what he would think if we started a paper. "Fine", he answered, "start one". George MacKinnon overheard our remarks and volunteered to be business manager and print it for us. That is how the paper got started.

The editor took off a day from work and wrote the first issue. Page one stories were about "Our Protectors" -- the personnel of Precinct Three of the Police Department -- and "Old Settlers", which was the botanical account of the century-old mulberry trees that grow in the alley back of Hughes Mews.

Ground had been broken for the State Department's new building; and Ruby and Possom Carter, natives of the Bottom, were expecting a baby. We had an account of these events, together with one about Old Hamburg, the pre-Revolutionary village on the Potomac near where most of us now live, and names of three Baptist Churches then in Foggy Bottom. Fifteen stray dogs had been picked up by the District -- they had been running wild in our quiet little village.

Our sycamores rated a half column as did our "tree of heaven" -- the ailanthus -- plentiful in the courts then, now mostly gone. Hughes Mews, reported the paper, had the smallest building in the Bottom: a Chick Sale, located on one of the vacant lots. It was described as a two-holer.

In some sense, we liked our Foggy Bottom of those pioneer days a little better than our new and bigger, but lots more urban and brassy present day "development". But, we still love it! --- and support it's activities won't you?

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In these perilous times, no one can afford to be a mere onlooker. There is too much at stake, too many ways in which the future of you and your children can be affected. In November, for the first time in our country's history, citizens of the District of Columbia will have an opportunity to vote in a Presidential election. In addition, District citizens may vote in the Party primaries in May. Give your support to help insure a sound government and continuation of American principles. Register and vote!

(from a D. C. Republican Committee pamphlet)

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FROM OUR CHURCHES

LENTEN OBSERVANCE AT CONCORDIA

Christians are in increasing numbers turning to the season of Lent as a time to deepen their insight into the nature of man, the world he lives in and the unique place Christ holds in discovering the fullest meaning of human experience. At Concordia United Church, 20th and G Streets, special services will be held beginning with Ash Wednesday as follows:

On Sunday mornings the pastor, Dr. Henry C. Koch, will preach a series of sermons on the theme "The Profile of Christ -- How the Human and the Divine Meet"; and on Wednesday nights the theme is "How Christ Lays Hold of Man Through His Cross." The Sunday morning services are at 11 o'clock and mid-week services are at 7:45 p.m., preceded by a fellowship supper at 6:30 for which reservation should be made by calling the church office at EX 3-1495. Midweek services include three technicolor films -- February 19 "Challenge of Faith"; March 4 "Return to Nazareth"; and March 18 "Conflict".

On Sunday night, February 23 at 7 o'clock, Mr. Ted Dorman, Administrator of the new United Church of Christ Home Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland will be speaker on the church's ministry to the aging including a description of plans for the new church home. The public is cordially invited to attend all services of the church.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT ST. STEPHEN'S

On Sunday, February 2, Monsignor Denges, Pastor of St. Stephen's, officiated at a solemn ceremony at which the Catholic War Veterans unveiled a memorial plaque in honor of our assassinated President. On the pew which President Kennedy invariably used when he attended Mass at St. Stephen's, this handsome bronze plaque will serve as a tender reminder of the noble, young leader who so frequently worshipped his God with the Foggy Bottom community.

Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr were delighted at the response to the recent Liturgical Fair and Exhibit. Under the chairmanship of Miss Melita Rodeck, Foggy Bottom's talented artist and architect, the Exhibit attracted visitors from all over the metropolitan area. Parishioners were especially pleased to welcome many non-Catholic visitors interested in liturgical art and publications. So successful was the exhibit, committee members began immediately planning for another exhibit.

With the beginning of Lent St. Stephen's will have a 6:30 evening Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week, and a daily 12:10 mid-day Mass, in addition to its usual morning Masses at 6:30 and 7:30. The Oblate College of Catholic University will supply a special speaker for each of the Lenten Services to be held Wednesday evenings at 7:45.



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